

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S297–S320*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 107–146, S.J. Res. 4, and S. Res. 12–14. **Pages S313–14**

#### **Measures Reported:**

S. Res. 6, objecting to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 and to all efforts that undermine direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians for a secure and peaceful settlement, with amendments.

S. 84, to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces. **Page S312**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**Secretary of Defense Nomination Waiver:** By 81 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 27), Senate passed S. 84, to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S299–S307**

**Commending Clemson University Tigers Football Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 14, commending the Clemson University Tigers football team for winning the 2017 College Football Playoff National Championship. **Page S320**

**GAO Access and Oversight Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:15 p.m., on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged and Senate begin consideration of H.R. 72, to ensure the Government Accountability Office has adequate access to information; that there be 30 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S320**

**Pro Forma—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate adjourn

until 10 a.m., on Friday, January 13, 2017, for a pro forma session only, with no business being conducted; and that when Senate adjourns on Friday, January 13, 2017, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. **Page S320**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro (Treaty Doc. 114–12) (Ex. Rept. 115–1). **Pages S312–13**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S310**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S310–11**

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S314–15**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S315–20**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S310**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S320**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—27) **Page S307**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 5:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 13, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S320.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### NOMINATION

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James N. Mattis, to be Secretary of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senators Cohen and Nunn, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 84, to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Benjamin Carson, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Rubio, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. Res. 6, objecting to United Na-

tions Security Council Resolution 2334 and to all efforts that undermine direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians for a secure and peaceful settlement, with amendments.

**NOMINATION**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the nomination of Mike Pompeo, of Kansas, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Roberts and former Senator Bob Dole, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Intelligence Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2017".

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 52 public bills, H.R. 462–513; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 27, and H. Res. 46–47, 49–50, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 48, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 3) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2017 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2018 through 2026, and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 84) to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces (H. Rept. 115–4).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Valadao to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Securities and Exchange Commission Regulatory Accountability Act:** The House passed H.R. 78, to improve the consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the costs and benefits of its

regulations and orders, by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 51.

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Rejected the Bustos motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 50.

**Pages H446–47**

Agreed to:

Velázquez amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–3) that requires the SEC consider the protection of investors, in addition to promoting efficiency, competition, and capital formation when conducting such a review and also expressly instructs the SEC to consider the public interest, the protection of investors as well as the promotion of efficiency, competition, and capital formation when conducting such a review of existing SEC regulations.

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Rejected:

Al Green (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–3) that sought to require the SEC to identify, analyze and address potential conflicts of interest related to its rulemakings (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 46);

**Pages H438–39, H443–44**

Al Green (TX) amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–3) that sought to exempt regulations promulgated to maintain or support U.S. financial stability or prevent or reduce systemic risk